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- 1.) Preliminary Amendment (20 pages);
- 2.) Appendix A (Version with Markings to Show Changes Made);
- 3.) Appendix B (Version with Markings to Show Changes Made);
- 4.) Appendix C (Claims Pending After Entrance of Present Amendment); and
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the present Preliminary Amendment into the above-referenced case, and consideration of the following Remarks.

AmendmentIn the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows, replacing the original paragraphs by the corresponding amended paragraphs detailed below. A copy of the amended paragraphs, with the changes highlighted, is presented as attached Appendix A ("Version With Markings to Show Changes Made").

1) Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1 line 28 and ending on page 2 line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

For example, certain researchers have attempted to alter the catalytic capability of synthetic enzymes that naturally produce interesting biologically active compounds by making